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**Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement**

In the Specification:

On page 4 line 22 please change "due but" to --but due--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 5-49 and add new claims 50 - 101 as follows:

50: A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said bone anchor is inserted using a bone anchor inserter.

51: A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said bone anchor is a self tapping bone screw anchor comprising a distal bone-piercing tip portion and a proximal portion of smaller diameter than said tip portion, said proximal portion comprising an external spiral thread, said proximal portion further comprising a rearwardly directed suture holding hole for receiving and securing said suture thereto.

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